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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Stark, Samuel C. Independence Hall Phila., Pa.

My dear Mr Terrell,

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and expression of interest.

Aside from the facts stated in the newspaper, (clipping enclosed) there is very little I can tell you. These memorable incidents stand out clearly in my memory. As stated in the paper I shook Abraham Lincoln's hand three times on these two occasions. Even during

my very early youth I followed all the events leading to, during and after the War. My contacts with Lincoln were of short duration, however and I can give you no further information regarding him, that you do not know already.

Our ardent admiration for Abraham Lincoln is mutual.

Cordially yours,

Samuel G Ward

March 14, 1930.

REMEMBERS THREE LINCOLN HANDSHAKES

As Lad, Philadelphian, Now 80, Helped Greet Emancipator on Visits Here.

Samuel C. Stark, the man who shook hands with Honest Abe Lincoln, not once, not twice, but three times, is a Philadelphian.

Although now in his eighty-first year, Stark's memory is undimmed. He still cherishes his recollection of the Great Emancipator as he appeared while visiting here before the civil war.

It was at the old Continental Hotel, then one of the finest in the world, on the site of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, that Stark first met Lincoln.

"I remember Lincoln well," said Stark yesterday at his home, 5237 Sansom street. "The public was invited to meet him, and there was a big reception in the main lobby of the Continental.

"I went with my father. I was about 11 years old at the time. I slipped away and stood waiting at the foot of the wide central staircase.

"When he reached the bottom step, I slipped between the guards and put out my hand. Mr. Lincoln took it, and gave it a gentle squeeze."

Stark's second meeting with Lincoln occurred during the dark period immediately before the outbreak of the civil war. Lincoln came to Philadelphia to participate in a patriotic function at Independence Square.

"The people formed a long line," he said, "and Mr. Lincoln walked down the line shaking hands with each in turn.

"When he came to me he shook hands. Then I dodged back, ran behind the line and squeezed into a place where he had to shake hands with me again."

Stark is a widower. He was 80 years old August 20, 1929.

Four years ago he was pensioned by the American Ice Company after 50 years and 2 months of service.

Family Flees Blazing Home

WILMINGTON, Feb. 11.—Clad only in their night clothes, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taphorn and their four children, were forced to flee from their burning home at 2207 Mendinhall street, shortly before 6 o'cloock this morning. The house was destroyed. The fire was discovered by Erminie, a 16-year-old daughter, who aroused the family and ran several blocks to a telephone to give an alarm.

Stevens, Frank E. L.-D. Debates, Freeport, Ill. Sycamore, Ill.

FRANK E. STEVENS
SYCAMORE, ILL.

August
Twenty two
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Mr. Howard K. Terry
Phila Pa

1858

Dear Mr. Terry:-

Your letter of the 20th reached me this morning. It certainly gives me pleasure to contribute my mite of information toward your collection of Lincoln data.

With my parents, John and Marie ~~Phila~~ Sophie Stevens, I went from # my home in Dixon, Illinois, where I was born, to Freeport to attend the big meeting to be held in Freeport at which Lincoln and Douglas were to debate. We attended and I heard the debate. I was only about three years old however so that details are entirely missing in any story I might attempt to write. I remember the enormous throng perfectly. I recollect getting off from the Illinois Central train at Dixon at the end of the day, but so far as remembering anything about Lincoln or Douglas my attendance was a blank. A trainload from Dixon went up in the morning and returned at ten that night.

We have in Sycamore a lady 93 years old, named Mrs. Harvey A Jones, who while a student at Knox College heard the Galesburg debate between Lincoln and Douglas. She was old enough to remember everything she heard and saw. She is a highly educated lady; she remembers to this day and I am sure she could and would be glad to send you a very interesting letter. By all means write her a letter. Her address is at Sycamore, Illinois.

Your notation of a relative named H.B. Stevens, intimate to me. I am sure we are related. My people all came from Huntingdon county, Pa. One of the cousins, named Frank Stevens went to Pasadena, California. I have been at his home and knew him very well. He was in the civil war. He had one son, a Methodist minister and another son, an undertaker who at present lives at Pasadena. Frank's father was a brother to my grandfather, William Stevens. My father, John Stevens was killed at Shiloh in the civil war. I am 76 years old, healthy and I enjoy every day of my life. I certainly thank you for your cordial expressions.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Stevens

Frank E. Stevens

Stevenson, Gen. James

Indianapolis, Ind.

Indianapolis Ind Sept 3 1892

Ethel Hammergate

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inviting me to attend a concert on the 16th Inst. is rec'd. Thank you but to come on this day or at this date mentioned would be impossible so I decline your most generous & friendly invitation

Yours truly

James Stevenson

Stev enson, Gen. James Indianapolis, Ind.

General James Stephenson, age 95, of Indianapolis, is thought to be the oldest person in the state who has seen President Lincoln and he will be present at the unveiling of the statue of "Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier Youth" at Fort Wayne tomorrow. Many other prominent personages and Lincolnia students will also be present. Tune in and hear the ceremonies as broadcast by the N. B. C. network.

OLDEST HOOSIER TO SEE LINCOLN TO HELP WITH DEDICATION

General James Stephenson, 95, to Assist in Fort Wayne Ceremony Friday

(Special to The Franklin Star.)

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 14.—The oldest Hoosier to see Abraham Lincoln alive is expected to help dedicate America's newest Lincoln shrine, a heroic bronze statue of "Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier Youth," which is to take place here amidst colorful ceremonies on Friday, September 16.

He is General James Stephenson of Indianapolis, a Civil War veteran, now 85 years old. His name as the oldest Indiana man who saw Lincoln was proposed by the Indiana G. A. R.

Lincoln scholars from all parts of the United States, the governors of several states, Civil War veterans who heard or saw Lincoln, and scores of other distinguished men and women have been invited as special guests.

List of Speakers.

Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde will be the principal speaker and deliver the dedication address following the unveiling of the heroic bronze located on the plaza of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company building. Among the other speakers will be United States Senator James E. Watson; Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, at Washington, D. C., which Lincoln attended while president; and Ida M. Tarbell, foremost Lincoln biographer. A presidential salute of 21 guns by U. S. artillery will be fired following the unveiling. Arthur Fletcher Hall, III., five, a great-great-grandson of Hugh McCullouch, secretary of the treasury in Lincoln's cabinet, will pull the cord that will unveil the statue. Lincoln's favorite hymn will be sung bq Cyrent Van Gordon, famed grand opera star and patriotic music suitable to the occasion will be played by Thaviu's band, which played for national political conventions.

The ceremonies, which will start at 11:30 a. m., central standard time, will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting company network on its National Farm and Home Hour with outlets in 47 of the principal cities of the country.

Luncheon for Visitors.

A luncheon for Lincoln students is to be held, and a special afternoon program in which Fort Wayne's 18,000 school children will participate will be addressed by Daniel C. Beard, National Scout Commissioner, and Robert G. Rayburn, winner of the 1931 national oratorical contest.

The statue, which depicts Lincoln as a smooth faced Hoosier youth of 21, was erected in commemoration of the 14 formative years of the Emancipator's life which were spent in the Indiana wilderness. Paul Manship, the sculptor, in collaboration with Dr. Warren, spent four years in research and the mechanics of modeling the statute. The bronze represents the boy Lincoln leaning naturally against a stump in the simple costume of the frontier. As was his custom, he has a dog by his side, typifying his love for animals, an ax symbolizing him as the rail splitter and in his hand a book signifying inspirational thought. On each face of the pedestal is a group of heroic figures in a medallion form, representing some of the qualities for which the name of Lincoln stands—patriotism, justice, fortitude and charity. The heroic statute, classical in feeling, rises on its pedestal and plinth to a height of 24 feet.

Visited Home of Youth.

When Mr. Manship was given the task four years ago he was told to produce an outstanding creation of art which would be one of the recognized monuments of the world. He made a trip through the country of Lincoln's youth, the Ohio river and reminders of the old ferry boat days and glimpses of the Kentucky homestead of his childhood excited the sculptor's imagination. No pictures of Lincoln as a boy were available, as the Emancipator did not have a photograph taken until he was 37 years old. This made the sculptor's task more difficult.

"The desire to represent the young Lincoln as a dreamer and poet," said Mr. Manship, "rather than the railsplitter, was uppermost in my mind. These qualities were selected as being most important in view of the greatness of Lincoln's later accomplishments and without which the idealism and clarity of his future would never have been possible. The stories of his youthful physical prowess and his active backwoods life gave him a magnificient physique. His ax tells the story of his rail splitter days. The book symbolizes his intellectual faculties. We know of his friendship for animals, but here his relationship to the dog would rather symbolize rather a greater feeling of human sympathy and protectiveness which were among his conspicuous characteristics."

Six Months for Task.

After completing his research Mr. Manship started actual work on the statue in May, 1929, spending six months in Paris and six in his New York studio. From the enlargements of the model the cast was made in Brussels, Belgium. The completed statue arrived here this summer, when it was assembled and erected in time for the dedication.

Stewart, A. J. Indianapolis, Ind.
enroute to Wash.

Garrett Ind 5/31st 1934

Dr Louis a Warren.

Dear Sir. Just a few words from one who
as a Boy now 81 saw and heard Abraham
Lincoln speak from the Bates house
now the Claypool. balcony February 11th 1861
on his way to Washington to be inaugurated
President. I was my privilege to be the son
of Baptist minister and born in Switzerland Co
and as Father held revival meetings in Ghent.
Kentucky over the Ohio river from Vevay
and Baptized many of the darkys. They
thought the way to freedom and the
Underground railway was the preachers
route. So Father found it profitable
to move to Indianapolis in 1860 and
when Lincoln came the Boys. Brother Joe.
and I were at the Union Depot with
The City Greys. the Fire Companies
and great Crowds of People to
Welcome the President. Excitement

Stewart, A. J.

was at fever heat just before the
firing April 13 on 1861 Fort Sumpter April 13, 1861
The Parade marched to the Bates
house as boys crowed in
between the Soldiers and
under the balcony and heard
Lincoln speak. Men were not
allowed nearer than across Washington
Street as the danger from
assassination was in the air.
We continued to live in Indianapolis
until 1866 when both moved to
Crawfordsville.

A. J. Stewart Merchant. in
Court since 1877
I could relate lots more of the
Capital in boyhood days the prison
& Cold new years 1864 &c. Sent perhaps
this is more now than you want. Dave Hog
is a friend of Hayne "D"

Dr Louisa Warren
Ft. Wayne
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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

Normal, Illinois.
October 18, 1932.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Warren:

My father has asked me to write to you relative to an article which appeared in the Bloomington Pantagraph on October 8th, which stated that you had inaugerated a search for persons now living who had known Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime, and listing residents of Central Illinois who had known him. My father wishes me to tell you that he knew Lincoln well when he (my father) was a boy, and can relate many interesting things about him.

My father is O. A. T. Stewart, a Civil War Veteran, and will be 89 years old next January 2d. His father, Corydon F. Stewart, was Station Agent for the Michigan Southern Railroad at the Ainsworth Station, which was located about where South Chicago now stands. C. F. and Lincoln were very good friends, and Lincoln always stayed at the Stewart home over night on his trips to and from Chicago, particularly when he was running against Douglas. Lincoln was very fond of children; and my father recalls many happy evenings spent in his company.

At the beginning of the Civil War my father acted as Orderly to Lincoln when he went from Washington to Alexandria, Virginia, to pardon a soldier, a mere boy, who had been sentenced to be shot for going to sleep on guard duty. He cannot recall the name of this boy; but has a vivid recollection of Lincoln holding a picture of the boy's Mother in his hand and saying that no boy with such a Mother could be bad.

With best wishes to you in your good work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lester F. Stewart

LESTER F. STEWART
Past Department Commander

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Lived near
Washington, D.C.

1443 Chapin Street, N. W.

Sept. 9th 1929.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
Bartleton, Phila., Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:

I have just received your letter of the 7th inst.

Regarding my article in the "Watchman-Examiner", there is not much to add to the story as I wrote it. My grandfather Lewis owned the place where we used to watch for the President.

Our home was about a mile from Fort Stevens, where General Moseby fought a battle with Union troops. I met many years ago a Union Officer who commanded a detachment that were rushed here

by boat from Fort Monroe. He said that his Company marched on a dog-trot all the way to Fort Stevens, and arrived just in time. Col. Moseby was defeated. President Lincoln was exposed to the fire of the enemy at that time.

It is related that my Grandfather had learned of a plan of Moseby's to proceed down the Road & capture the President as he was riding to the Soldiers Home. He sent word to the White House, warning the President, & an escort of cavalry accompanied Mr. Lincoln from that time. Probably this incident is related in some history of those days.

You should visit the Lincoln Museum on 10th St. There are many interesting relics there of President Lincoln.

Let me say that I am a plain Baptist layman, & not a Minister. Am glad to make your acquaintance. If you ever visit Washington come to Calvary Church.

Very sincerely yours,

F. L. Stickney.

A Letter from One Who Remembers Lincoln

The copy of THE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER for February 7 with its Lincoln articles interested me a good deal.

For a few years my parents lived at "Hopetown", my Grandfather Lewis's home on Seventh street road, not far from the Soldiers Home. On this great highway leading into the city the family resided with my grandparents until the last year of the Civil War, until father built a house for us next to the corner of Sixth and M streets.

The War Department placed at the disposal of the President the fine old Riggs mansion adjoining the principal building of the Home, and Mr. Lincoln would leave the White House during the summer months for the quiet and coolness afforded by the beautiful park about two miles from the President's House.

Our home commanded a view of a large open tract that extended from Seventh street road to Fourteenth street. In the afternoon several children (including myself) would stand on the lawn and watch for the President. As the open barouche passed the place we would all bow to the occupants of the carriage. Several times that "stove-pipe" hat was politely lifted in response to our salute. Invariably the President was accompanied by his son Tad.

Mr. Oldroyd has been my good friend for several years. About two years ago he received an offer from Henry Ford of $50,000 for the whole collection at the house on Tenth street. The matter was taken up by Congress, and the collection became the property of the United States.

I might say that in a way the former owner of the Lincoln Museum was quite as interesting to me as the accumulation of mementoes of the martyred President. In the long years devoted to the gathering of those souvenirs he seems to have caught something of the gentle spirit of the man he honored. Having been to the House a number of times when the place was filled with sightseers from all parts of the country, I have never heard him say anything that any patriotic American could take exception to.

FRANK LEWIS STICKNEY.

Stimmel, Smith — Washington, D. C. Body guard — Fargo, N.D.

Fargo. N.D. Sept. 6 - 1930.

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Bustleton Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry.

Replying to your favor of the 29th ult. have to say that you are in ~~error~~ error as to there being three surviving members of President Lincolns mounted bodyguard. I am the only surviving member of the troop that was assigned to that duty, which was organized for that express purpose. The troop was organized by Governor David Todd of Ohio in 1863. During that summer Gov. Todd had occasion to visit Washington and when he called at the White House he became impressed with the idea that the President was not sufficiently protected, and applied to the war department for permission to organize a cavalry troop to be assigned to duty as the President's mounted bodyguard. That privilege was given him. The Governor sent out a circular letter to the military committees of the 88 Counties of Ohio. asking them to

Send in the name of a man they would recommend for highly honorable and strictly confidential service. I was one of the three recommended from Franklin County. When the organization was complete we were all supplied with black horses and sent to Washington and placed on duty at the White House. During that service I saw the President almost every day. I saw the President and Gen'l Grant meet at a public reception given on the Evening of the 6th of March 1864. the first time they ever met. Previous to our duties at the White a troop from what was known as Scotts nine hundred acted as the Presidents body guard — We relieved them. Harding Merrill and James E. Jewel were not members of our troop I do not know them I do not know the present address of Chas. E. Bull.

My reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln is published in book form by W. H. M. Adams 405 Marquette Ave. Minneapolis Minn.

Sincerely Yours

Smith Stimmel

Gettysburg, Pa.
Feb. 12. 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry.
Bustleton, Philada. Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:

Your interesting letter of the 1st inst. has been received. I have waited for this the 132nd anniversary of Lincoln's birth to answer it.

Your request for my impressions when I saw Lincoln on November 19. 1863 will gladly be given, with the understanding that they were received by a boy of 7 and not by one of mature years. I was large for my age and blessed with an excellent memory which I have retained to the present time.

Now this is my story:

In company with my father, I saw Mr. Lincoln come out of the Wills Building on the north or York street side. After coming out he stopped for a few minutes on the upper step before going out to

mount his horse that was waiting for him
I was standing close by the steps when he came
out and as I looked up at him, I thought, What a
tall man he is, his face to me seemed pleasant
but careworn. He then went out to his horse and
mounted it and I expected the procession would
soon move out. But there was considerable delay
as many crowded around him anxious to speak
to him. I remember when he mounted his horse,
which was an animal of fair size, his legs
seemed unusually long as they extended far
below the body of the horse. The procession then formed
and a start was made for the cemetery. A very
large man, who afterward became Ward
Lamon who came from Washington with Mr.
Lincoln was chief marshal and had the parade.
General Couch had charge of the military organ-
izations. The Marine Band and the Springfield bands
were quite an attraction and altogether it was the
largest crowd and the finest parade I had
ever seen and up to this time all I saw and heard
made an impression on my youthful mind

so vivid that it is as clear today as though it were yesterday.

The parade moved south on Baltimore Street moved to the right on what is now Steinwehr Ave. to the Taneytown Road turned to the left and ended the Cemetery on that side and not on the Baltimore Pike side as many now think.

My father and I got there in time to get a place near the speakers stand which stood where the National Monument now stands. After some delay on account of the delay of Mr. Everett in getting there, the exercises began. You no doubt have seen or have a copy of the order of the exercises and know of it and I shall not give that part of it. I remember Mr. Edward Everett made a very long address a complete copy of which I have but I noticed that a few left before he completed it. Mr. Lincoln was then introduced by Mr. Lamon and came forward and I remember with a paper held in both hands and delivered his few remarks of 266 words and the exercises were soon over after a brief concluding part and ~~it was all over~~.

Now, Mr. Terry as to my impressions at the time of what they said, you will understand that at my aged was not able to comprehend it and am in my mature years. This I know that Lincoln's address is an English Classic, and will be remembered for all time. We all know it and can repeat it. While on the other hand when we want Everett we must go to the books to get it. I believe you will agree with me in this. In fact very few persons who heard the address at the time were impressed with it as they are now.

In connection with Dr. Bikle, who you refer to in your letter, and who was older and better able to judge, I asked him: What were your impression when you heard Lincoln? He replied: "It was scholarly, it was patriotic, but it was not what I expected to hear."

Hoping that the foregoing may fulfill your wishes, and thanking you for kind wishes for my future welfare, I beg leave to extend the same to you and remain Yours very respectfully

Wm. C. Storrick.

Storrick, W. M.

Gettysburg Address

W. C. STORRICK
63 WEST LINCOLN AVENUE
GETTYSBURG, PA.

Gettysburg, Pa.

March 6. 1943.

I was only 7 years old when I met President Lincoln at Gettysburg on November 19th, 1863. I am now past 86 but I remember it as though it were yesterday. At that time I was living about 2 miles East of the town. I accompanied with my father we walked in and went to the David Wills home where Lincoln was stopping and waited at the steps for him to come out and join the parade to the Cemetery. It was near 11 o'clock when the door opened and he came out. He was wearing a high silk hat and I thought he was the tallest man I had ever seen. When he reached the last of the steps, I said "Good morning Mr. President." He said "Good morning my son" and we shook hands. He walked out to the curb and mounted his horse. We followed the parade to the Cemetery and heard all of the exercises. Hon. Edward Everett, the orator for the day, made the first address that took nearly 2 hours, and came just before he completed it. The President followed Everett with an address of only a few minutes. He said: "The world will little note or long remember what we say here: but it can never forget what they did here." How true he was wrong. Few people realized what a wonderful address it was and I was too young to comprehend it then as I do now. It is a masterpiece of English literature, and we today in these troublous times are hoping and praying as Lincoln did that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

W. C. Storrick.

W. C. STORRICK
63 WEST LINCOLN AVENUE
GETTYSBURG. PA.

March 6, 1943.

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:

In compliance with your request for a sketch of the time I had the honor and the pleasure of meeting our President, Abraham Lincoln when he was at Gettysburg and delivered his immortal address at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery on the 19th of November, 1863, I enclose herewith a short statement which you may add to your collection from others but, not for publication now. I am pleased to learn that you like myself are a great admirer of him. While Washington was the founder of our Republic Lincoln was its preserver. We honor Washington and love Lincoln.

Hoping this may reach you in due time and that I may hear from you again, I remain

Cordially yours

Wm. C. Storrick

Wm. C. Storrick.

Stowits, Cola D. R. On way to Inauguration Buffalo, N.Y.

JAMES E. JEWEL
Commander-in-Chief, Fort Morgan, Colo.
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Adjutant-General, Colorado Springs, Colo.
COLA D. R. STOWITS
Quartermaster-General, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Office of
Quartermaster-General

BUFFALO, N. Y.
September 19, 1930.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria Street,
Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th, allow me to extend my thanks for your kind words in reference to my re-appointment as Quartermaster-General.

Yes, I saw President Lincoln on his way to the Inauguration in 1861 and merely shook hands with him. I had the pleasure of meeting him again in 1863; but never had any opportunity to more than pass the customary remarks, shake his hand and retire. I have always been a great admirer of Lincoln.

You will pardon me for not giving a more extended statement but I have been out of health for some time and I am not able to say very much.

I would suggest that you write to W. A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Room 27, State House, Boston, who, no doubt, can furnish you the full address of Charles E. Bull.

Yours truly,

C. R. Stowits

Cola D. R. Stowits

Quartermaster-General, G.A.R.

Striebich, Mrs. Rose

Buffalo, N.Y.
parade

Levering, Michigan

"I SAW LINCOLN"

Full Name Mrs Rosa Striebich

Present Address Levering Mich Route no 2

Date of Birth Year 1837 Month June Day 18 th

Place of Birth Bern was born Switzerlan

Where you saw Lincoln in Buffalo in a Prade

When you saw Lincoln in 1860

Remarks:- I was 22 years old when i saw Linkoln And i Road on the Rine and seen three wars My husband was a in the Sifel ware E. H. thirt Shardend Many thanks to you I am sory i was not abel to see Lingoln unvailed

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Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Rose Striebich of Levering, Michigan, near here, is a candidate for the honor of being the oldest person to have seen, known or heard Abraham Lincoln. She is 95 years old and saw Lincoln in Buffalo, New York in 1860.

If you desire to communicate with her, her address is Route 2, Levering, Michigan. If you write to her we will appreciate receiving a copy of the letter.

Respectfully yours,

CHEBOYGAN DAILY TRIBUNE

By Gordon Turner
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Stringer, Lawrence B.

COUNTY COURT

LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAWRENCE B. STRINGER, JUDGE

LINCOLN, ILL., March 29

Mr. Howard K. Terry.
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Terry;

I am in receipt of yours of recent date and am always pleased to hear from one who is interested in the life and services of Abraham Lincoln.

The story of the naming of this city, the county seat of Logan county, population 15,000, is rather a long story. It was named for Mr. Lincoln in 1853, when he was a somewhat unknown attorney at Springfield, Illinois. A new railroad had been built from Springfield north through this county, Springfield being about 28 miles to the south of this location. A townsite was laid out in 1853 on this railroad. The proprietors, three in number, were all intimate friends of Mr. Lincoln and he was their personal attorney. He was also attorney for the new road. He became the attorney for the new townsite.

The proprietors met in Mr. Lincoln's law office at Springfield to have him draw up some legal papers in connection with the laying out of the new town. Mr. Lincoln found it necessary to use the name of the town in the papers. He asked the proprietors what the name of the town was to be. They told him that they had discussed the naming of the town and had come to the conclusion to name it Lincoln for their attorney.

Turning to the proprietors, he said "I don't believe that I would do that, for I never knew anything named Lincoln that ever amounted to much." Nevertheless, they insisted and the name Lincoln went into the legal papers. Later the town became the county seat of the county.

When in the Legislature, Mr. Lincoln was the author of the bill which created this county and he named the county Logan for Dr. John Logan, a member of the same Legislature. Dr. Logan had a son at the time who was about twelve years old. Later this son became one of President Lincoln's leading major generals in the Civil War, Gen. John A. Logan.

Mr. Lincoln was the attorney for this county from its establishment by him in 1839 until Mr. Lincoln left Springfield for Washington. He owned property in the city of Lincoln at the time of his assassination. He practiced law in four different court houses in this county, one of which is still standing and another is at Henry Ford's American village at Dearborn, Michigan.

Some twelve years ago, I wrote a history of this county in which I told some of the Lincoln story and I presume that this is the book to which Mr. Heckel referred. Since then, I have given all my spare time to Lincoln investigation, following the Lincoln trail wherever it has led.

I am now writing a book which will contain among other matters the full and complete story of Mr. Lincoln's activities in this section, a story that has not heretofore been told.

COUNTY COURT

LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAWRENCE B. STRINGER, JUDGE

LINCOLN, ILL.,_____

The city of Lincoln not only has a Lincoln story all of its own but it is located in the very heart of the Illinois Lincoln country. Thirty miles to the west of us is New Salem with towns in between that had Lincoln contacts. Thirty miles to the east is Thomas Lincoln's first Illinois home and Springfield is just south of us. Bloomington to the north of us about thirty miles and Decatur about forty miles west.

With reference to your inquiry as to men who knew Lincoln would say that I knew scores of them but practically all are dead and gone. I talked with many of them when a boy and regret deeply that I did not get more information from them. Then a young man I practiced law in this section in many of the same court houses in which Mr. Lincoln practiced and knew lawyers who practiced with him and against him. I am sorry that I let them get away from me without my getting from them what they knew-but I did, in the main.

When a young man, just turned of age, I served practically the same district in the Legislature for eight years which Mr. Lincoln formerly served and for over thirteen years have been on the bench in this county which was always a part of Mr.Lincoln's circuit.

There are two or three elderly men in this county still living who knew Lincoln but their mental condition is such that they are helpless as far as being able to tell anything is concerned.

Last February, however, I dedicated a tablet for the old court house in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, in which Lincoln practiced law. Mt. Pulaski was the county seat of this county from 1848 to 1855, when the seat of justice was moved to the city of Lincoln. On the above mentioned occasion, I met one old gentlemen who had seen Mr. Lincoln many times in Mt. Pulaski. He His name is John C. Mier. His address is Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. He is hale and hearty but his contacts with Mr. Lincoln were not of such a character as to make history.

I have made this letter much lengthier than I anticipated when I began but the subject is exceedingly interesting. I am writing this letter in time taken in between two chapters of my book which I am getting anxious to finish for I have been promising it for over a year. I hope to submit the manuscript to the publishers within the next month.

Cordially Yours,

Lawrence B. Stringer

Sulkrtard, D. S. Saw Booth
Sutherland

Dec 14 - 91

Dear Sir

I am sorry to say I never saw Lincoln But - I saw His assassin Wilks Booth at the old Nashville Theatre And if I had known at the time what he was Contemplating I would have Shot him on the stage I Enlisted Jan 4 - 64 at the age of 15 Served with the 5th Wis Light Artillery 2 Div 14 Army Corps But I wish to say I was on Board ship Entering Wilmington Harbor Just in Canada

And we saw all
of them at - but most
But when the Pilot
came aboard he told us
Lincoln was Assinated
I wish you could
have seen the Solgers
their teeth were set
their lips white Drum
Faces as white as a
Sheet - & God pity the
Rebel that had fallen
in Yeiers hands as at - that
time

D S Sutherland
5th Wis Light Artillery
14 Army Corps
2d Div

Sullivan, Harriet Woodward Cincinnati, Ohio Gary, Ind.

"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name Harriet Woodward Sullivan

Present Address 533 Monroe st Gary Ind

Date of Birth Year 1849 Month December Day 6

Place of Birth Cincinnati Ohio

Where you saw Lincoln Cincinnati Ohio

When you saw Lincoln 1861

Remarks:- do not remember the month
was near him. remember how
he look and how he was dressed.
I am the widow of Jerry Sullivan
he was a soldier in the civil war
& helped make cartridges for
the civil war.

yours truly Harriet Sullivan

Sullivan, Harriet Woodward

533 Monroe st Gary Ind 83

Editor of the Plain Dealer

Dear Sir

With memoirs of Abraham Lincoln

I saw Abraham Lincoln in Cincinnati Ohio my memory of him is very distinct

I am with my daughter Mrs F. C. Cooper 533 Monroe st Gary Ind at the present time my home is with Mrs Bertha Childs North Vernon R.R.2.

I will be 83 yrs old Dec 6

I am the widow of Jerry Sullivan

yours truly

Mrs Harriet Sullivan

Sutton, George H. Sailor on Faragut Oklahoma City, Okla.

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February 13,1931.

Mr Howard K.Terry,

Bustleton,Pa.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst.,with reference to who "saw or knew Abraham Lincoln",if there are any perosn in this Home who met Mr Lincoln,I have to advise you that we have one man,a sailor,who was with Admiral Faragut,on his flag ship,who met and talked with Mr Lincoln. His name is George H.Sutton,86 year of age.

He once lived in Philadelphia and returned to Philadelphia about a year ago to find and visit his old friends, but failed to find any one he knew in former days.

He is in poor health,rather feeble,otherwise feeling fairly well for a man of his years.

Any communication addressed to him ,c/o Union Soldiers Home,Oklahoma City,Oklahoma,will be delivered to him.

I am enclosing you my last printed report,under separate cover.

Respectfully,

N. D. McGinley

Superintendent.

Sweet, Truman Soldier at Washington Rockford, Ill.

Rockford Ill. Sept 29, '31
221 N. Court St,

Mr. H. E. Terry,
Pottstleton Pa.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of Aug. 20. 1931. reached me yesterday; I assure you I was very much pleased to recive it.
It is true my husband Truman Sweet had seen our dearly loved President Abraham Lincoln, many times. My husband was a member of Co. G. 8th Ill. Cav. Vol. This regiment was known as Col. John C. Farnsworth's regiment, he was a member of Congress and was said to have raised it. It was stationed the most of the time in Virginia, near Washington D. C.
Mr. Lincoln frequently rode out

to their camp. Mr. Sweet went with other members of his company to search Mrs. Surratt's house, and the surrounding country for John Wilkes Booth; but he was not with the ones who caught him.

Fairfax Court House was used for a Hospital, and my husband was there for some time, suffering from a varicose vein. Dr. Abner O. Hard who was the regimental surgeon offered him his discharge, but he would not accept it, and returned to his regiment. His Captain George T. Farmer, was very kind to him, favoring him as often as possible. He was 17 yrs old when he enlisted, and was very proud that he had seen Mr. Lincoln, and that he had helped to hunt Booth.

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No doubt you know that the 8th Ill. Cav. fired the first shot at Gettysburg. Rockford has the honor of having the 1st G. A. R. Post, known as the "G. L. Nevius Post." It ranks are thinning. I phoned to the Commander of the Post last eve, he had never seen Mr. Lincoln. He will make inquiries of the few remaining members, I think: and I will send your letter to the Rockford newspapers, perhaps they may find some one who will know something to tell you.

He, Mr. Lincoln acted as lawyer for Ralph Emerson, of Rockford. Suit at one time, but Mr. Emerson has passed away, I regret that I cannot tell you more.

Times in this city, are depressing. many are out of work.

Since the death of my dear companion I have lived with my children, My daughter with whom I am living now is in poor health. I would be pleased to know who gave you my address. I am past 83 yrs. am a very ordinary woman, daughter of a farmer, wife of a farmer, mother of six sons who are farmers. I will say I was much opposed to the World War. Do not want my country to join with foreign countries (in war.) My maternal Grandfather served in war of 1812, his three sons served in ~~war~~ civil war, one who was his name sake, Henry Fisher was shot through the heart at Adairsville Ga. in Civil war. My husband and his father served in civil war, and his brother served in regular army. I have written this long letter myself. Sincerely your friend. Martha J. Sweet

Mrs. (Dunlap) Sweet Dec.

Swenson, Nick Rome, Georgia

Marshalltown Iowa
3-14-13

M L Curtis Editor Knoxville Journal
Dear Sir

Inclosed Plase find Chick for two dollars for my Renual and also the renual of mrs C A murray

Wick Ia

well as you want to find out ho Voted for Lincon I was not Quite old anough in 1860 but in 64 I was and did vote for Lincon at Rome Georgia as a Privet in Co G 7th Iowa

Inft Nick Swenson

Sylvester, Albert Washington, D.C. Augusta, Maine

Nat Soldiers Home Dec 18th 1921

Augusta. Maine.

Mr Perry Sir. In reply to your letter about Lincoln I was now how distance of that was across the Street. Our regiment was enlisted I was enlisted in Maine for Picket duty in Washington D.C for Picket Duty there & Col Baker was our Col. Ward Marshal of Washington D.C our camp was out of the city north east of the capitol about one half a mile. & we was called out to do guard duty on the 4th when Gen Burnside army marched thru the city. & Lincoln was across the street on a balkony to view the troops as they passed. I notice he was most a head taller than any one near him. but after we had been in Washington a while we was sent to the front at Bermuda Hundred under Gen Butler & was wounded & taken prisoner & sent to Danville Va

& Lucy Stanwick runs from over five months.
Was thought at Richmond & sent to St Johns
Hospital at Lancaster Ma..

Yours &c.

Albert E Sylvester

PS I am 8 9 years old in about three years
& fully deaf & Lucy deaf & dumb do you wish
Lucy to secure the writing & keeping it down
in writing. A. L. S.

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